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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in the application. Claims 2-6 and 14-16 have been allowed. Claims 5, 7, 11, and 20 have been rejected as not particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the invention because the attachment member is not positively recited in the preamble of claim 1. Applicant has amended claims 5 and 11 to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Further, Applicant has amended claims 20 and 22 to correct minor informalities. Applicant request that these amendments be entered as they address requirements in form set fourth in the previous office action.

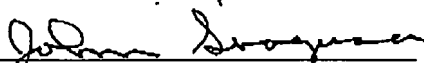
Claims 1, 5, 7-13 and 17-22 have been rejected as being anticipated by Kaps (U.S. 6,557,302). Claims 1, 13 and 17 all require a strand disposed within a cursor, where the strand includes a locking portion to secure the at least one attachment member within the cursor. The office action reads the entire inner surface and projections within cursors 21 and 22 as the claimed strand. However, this reading is not supported by Kaps as a strand is a thread like filament or member, not an entire surface as is suggested by the Examiner. Further, a worker skilled in the art would not understand a surface to meet the claimed limitations of a strand. Claim limitations are presumed to have the ordinary meaning attributed by those of ordinary skill in the art. In this case one of ordinary skill in the art would not interpret the limitation at least one strand to mean a surface of the cursor. For this reason, Kaps does not disclose or suggest the limitation of a strand disposed within a cursor and therefore cannot anticipate claims 1, 13 and 17.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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